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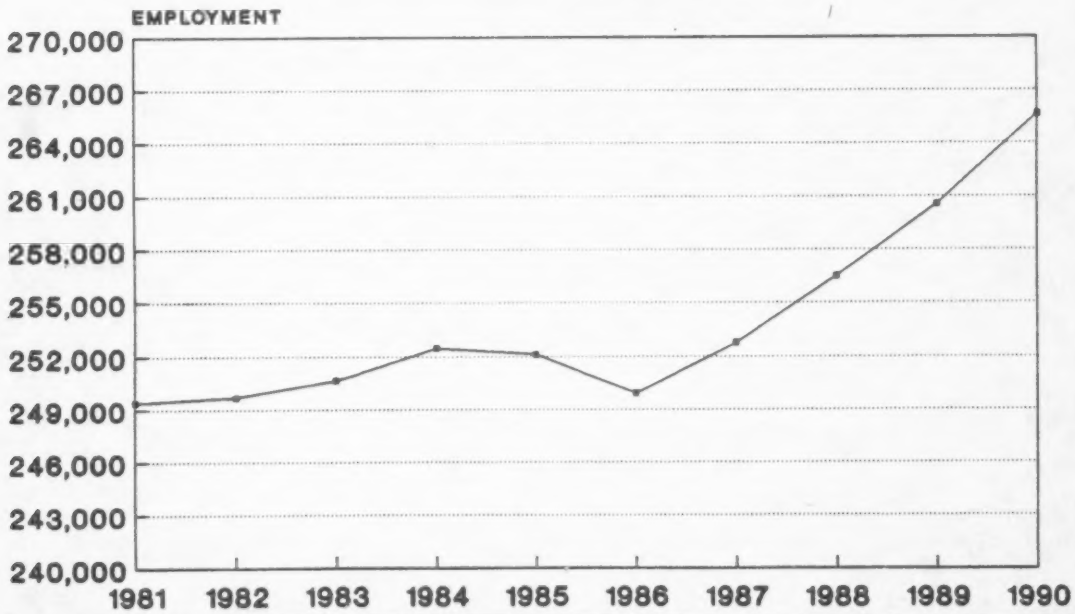

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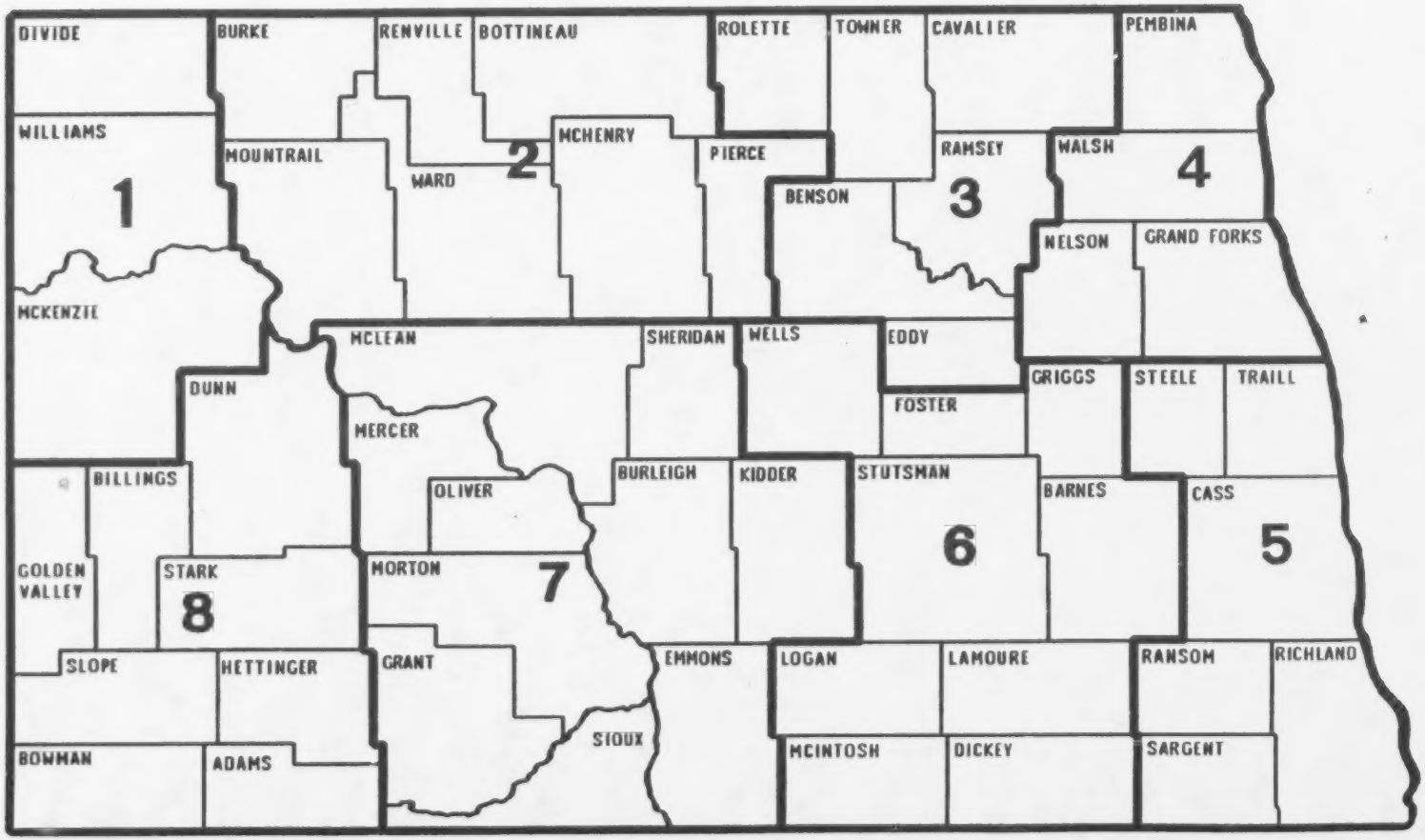

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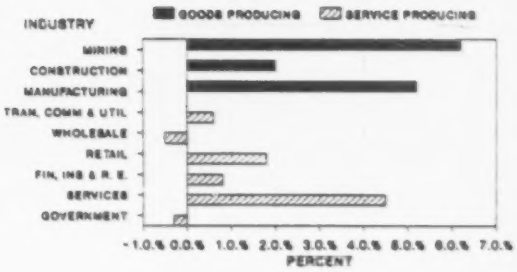
1990-THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Statewide nonag wage and salary employment reached 265,650 in 1990, showing an increase of 2.0% from 1989. In this article, we will review the areas that contributed to this increase.

Statewide

After remaining relatively stable near the 250,000 level between 1981 and 1986, total nonag wage and salary employment has added 15,000 workers in the past four years. Over 5,000 were added between 1989 and 1990. Employment in the goods-producing industries recorded a 4.3% increase in 1990, after showing a decrease every year since 1981. Employment in the service-producing sector stayed in line with the experience of the past three years, increasing 1.7% in 1990.

NORTH DAKOTA
PERCENT EMPLOYMENT CHANGE
1989-1990



After reaching its lowest level since 1977, mining was on the rise in 1990, gaining 250 workers. The introduction of horizontal drilling, coupled with the crisis in the Persian Gulf, caused increased activity in the oil industry where employment increased by 300 in 1990.

Employment in manufacturing reached a new high of 17,350 in 1990, surpassing its previous high of 16,650 set in 1979. The increase occurred in durable goods, with all areas showing growth. Machinery and electrical equipment showed the largest increase, adding 300 jobs. With the opening of new businesses in Fargo and Grand Forks, employment in the bakery products industry rose by 250 in 1990. With the continuing drought, other food and kindred industries showed drops in employment causing nondurable goods to remain unchanged over the year.

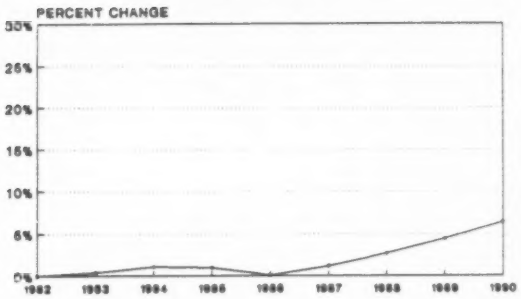
Wholesale trade was down slightly over the year, showing a loss of 100 jobs. The drop occurred in durable goods, while nondurable goods remained constant during the last three years. Retail trade rose slightly from 1989, gaining 900 jobs. Most of the gain was in eating and drinking establishments, where employment increased by 400. In late 1990, Wal-Mart Stores began opening up in North Dakota. This had a positive effect on retail trade, but the overall effect will be seen more in 1991.

The services industry showed the largest increase over the year, adding 3,000 jobs. With employment in hospitals growing in Fargo and Bismarck, together with the expansion of satellite clinics in many rural communities, employment in health services rose by 1,200 in 1990.

Government employment showed the largest decrease of all industries in 1990, with a loss of 200 jobs. Federal government

showed an increase in employment of 100. State government showed a decrease in employment of 100. Local government showed an employment decrease of 200, 100 in education and 100 in other government.

NORTH DAKOTA
PERCENT EMPLOYMENT
CHANGE FROM 1982



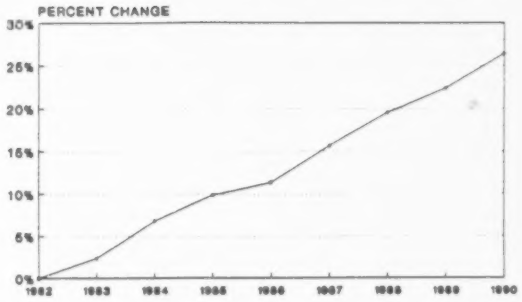
Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Employment in North Dakota's three Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSA's) is continuing to grow at a faster rate than the state.

Fargo-Moorhead MSA

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA (which includes Cass County, North Dakota and Clay County, Minnesota) showed the largest percent gain of 4.0%. Employment reached 77,850, with all industry groups recording an increase in employment. The largest increase occurred in the services industry where employment rose by 1,000. With the growth of employment in hospitals in Fargo, the health services sector showed the largest increase, with 300. The retail trade industry added 650, followed by government with 500. With new businesses opening up in both durable and nondurable goods, manufacturing recorded its largest increase since 1975, adding 450 jobs in 1990.

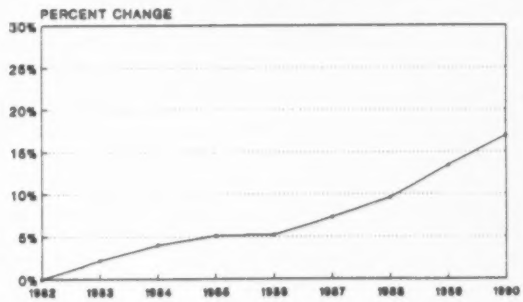
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA
PERCENT EMPLOYMENT
CHANGE FROM 1982



Bismarck MSA

Employment in the Bismarck MSA (which includes Burleigh and Morton Counties) increased by 1,300 in 1990 to reach 40,100 for the first time. The largest growth occurred in the services industry which added 750. With an average growth of 1.1 employees per day, health services recorded an increase in employment of 400 in 1990. The combined industries of construction and mining gained 250 and retail trade added 250. Employment in wholesale trade declined by 100, while finance, insurance and real estate dropped by 50.

BISMARCK MSA
PERCENT EMPLOYMENT
CHANGE FROM 1982



Grand Forks MSA

The Grand Forks MSA had the smallest increase in 1990, adding 450 workers, bringing employment to 31,450. Retail trade accounted for 250 of the gain, with all segments of the industry recording increases. Services increased by 200, with personal and business services accounting for half of the gain. Government employment also increased by 200. Three industry groups incurred losses in 1990: construction and mining, manufacturing, and finance, insurance and real estate.

GRAND FORKS MSA
PERCENT EMPLOYMENT
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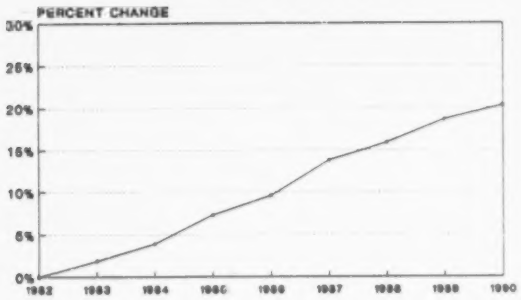

The benchmark revisions for 1989 and 1990 have been completed. Included in this issue of the Labor Market Advisor are tables for the two years, showing annual average non-agricultural wage and salary employment and labor force data for North Dakota and the three MSA's. We have also included hours and earnings data for production workers in the manufacturing industry in North Dakota and the Fargo-Moorhead MSA.

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NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	February 1991	January 1991	January 1991	February 1990	February 1990
TOTAL NONAG	263,650	263,250	0.2%	257,500	2.4%
GOODS PRODUCING	29,100	29,500	-1.4%	27,450	6.0%
MINING	4,050	4,050	0.0%	3,950	2.5%
Coal	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,050	0.0%
Crude Petroleum & Nat. Gas	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,700	3.7%
Other Mining	200	200	0.0%	200	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	7,450	7,700	-3.2%	7,050	5.7%
Building Construction	1,950	2,000	-2.5%	2,100	-7.1%
Street, Highway & Heavy	1,300	1,300	0.0%	950	36.8%
Special Trade Construction	4,200	4,400	-4.5%	4,000	5.0%
MANUFACTURING	17,600	17,750	-0.8%	16,450	7.0%
Durable Goods	8,900	8,950	-0.6%	8,450	5.3%
Primary & Fab. Metals	1,050	1,100	-4.5%	1,050	0.0%
Machinery & Trans. Equip	5,650	5,700	-0.9%	5,450	3.7%
Machinery & Electric	3,900	4,000	-2.5%	3,900	0.0%
Transportation Equipment	1,750	1,700	2.9%	1,550	12.9%
Other Durables	2,200	2,150	2.3%	1,950	12.8%
Lumber & Wood	1,200	1,150	4.3%	1,000	20.0%
Misc Durable	1,000	1,000	0.0%	950	5.3%
Nondurable Goods	8,700	8,800	-1.1%	8,000	8.8%
Food & Kindred Products	4,650	4,800	-3.1%	4,200	10.7%
Dairy Products	600	600	0.0%	650	-7.7%
Grain Mill & Bakery Products	1,150	1,250	-8.0%	800	43.8%
Sugar & Confectionary	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
Other Foods	1,900	1,950	-2.6%	1,750	8.6%
Paper Products & Printing & Publishing	2,600	2,600	0.0%	2,500	4.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,450	1,400	3.6%	1,300	11.5%
SERVICES PRODUCING	234,550	233,750	0.3%	230,050	2.0%
TRAN, COMM & UTILITIES	17,100	17,100	0.0%	16,850	1.5%
Transportation	9,000	9,000	0.0%	8,750	2.9%
Trucking & Warehousing	5,000	5,000	0.0%	4,900	2.0%
Other Transportation	4,000	4,000	0.0%	3,850	3.9%
Railroads	1,850	1,850	0.0%	1,800	2.8%
Local & Suburban Transportation	900	900	0.0%	950	-5.3%
Water, Air & Pipeline	1,250	1,250	0.0%	1,100	13.6%
Communications	3,400	3,400	0.0%	3,400	0.0%
Utilities	4,700	4,700	0.0%	4,700	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,000	19,100	-0.5%	18,800	1.1%
Durable Goods	8,700	8,700	0.0%	8,700	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	10,300	10,400	-1.0%	10,100	2.0%

NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	February 1991	January 1991	January 1991	February 1990	February 1990
RETAIL TRADE	50,050	50,450	-0.8%	48,600	3.0%
Hardware & Garden	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,100	4.8%
General Merchandise	7,200	7,600	-5.3%	6,400	12.5%
Food Stores	7,100	7,100	0.0%	6,900	2.9%
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	6,700	6,800	-1.5%	6,700	0.0%
Apparel & Accessory	2,400	2,500	-4.0%	2,500	-4.0%
Furniture Stores	1,650	1,650	0.0%	1,600	3.1%
Eating & Drinking Places	17,300	17,100	1.2%	17,100	1.2%
Misc Retail	5,500	5,500	0.0%	5,300	3.8%
FINANCE, INS & REAL ESTATE	12,550	12,450	0.8%	12,250	2.4%
Finance	6,550	6,550	0.0%	6,550	0.0%
Banking	5,600	5,600	0.0%	5,600	0.0%
Other Finance	950	950	0.0%	950	0.0%
Insurance	4,150	4,050	2.5%	3,900	6.4%
Insurance Underwriters	2,600	2,500	4.0%	2,500	4.0%
Insurance Agents & Brokers	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,400	10.7%
Real Estate	1,850	1,850	0.0%	1,800	2.8%
SERVICES	69,750	69,450	0.4%	66,850	4.3%
Lodging	4,500	4,500	0.0%	4,300	4.7%
Personal & Business	8,300	8,400	-1.2%	8,100	2.5%
Personal Services	3,200	3,200	0.0%	3,300	-3.0%
Business Services	5,100	5,200	-1.9%	4,800	6.3%
Recreational Services	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,100	4.8%
Health Services	29,100	28,900	0.7%	27,800	4.7%
Nursing & Hospital	21,300	21,200	0.5%	20,200	5.4%
Other Health	7,800	7,700	1.3%	7,600	2.6%
Educational Services	3,200	3,100	3.2%	3,000	6.7%
Social Services	6,900	6,800	1.5%	6,300	9.5%
Membership Organizations	8,300	8,300	0.0%	8,100	2.5%
Other Services	7,250	7,250	0.0%	7,150	1.4%
Auto & Misc Repair	2,400	2,400	0.0%	2,300	4.3%
Legal Services	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,450	0.0%
Misc Services	3,400	3,400	0.0%	3,400	0.0%
GOVERNMENT	66,100	65,200	1.4%	66,700	-0.9%
Federal	10,000	10,000	0.0%	10,300	-2.9%
State & Local	56,100	55,200	1.6%	56,400	-0.5%
State Government	20,300	19,900	2.0%	20,300	0.0%
Educational Services	13,300	12,900	3.1%	13,500	-1.5%
Other State Government	7,000	7,000	0.0%	6,800	2.9%
Local Government	35,800	35,300	1.4%	36,100	-0.8%
Educational Services	18,300	17,800	2.8%	18,600	-1.6%
Other Local Government	17,500	17,500	0.0%	17,500	0.0%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	February 1991	January 1991	January 1991	February 1990	February 1990
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
TOTAL NONAG	78,250	78,500	-0.3%	75,050	4.3%
GOODS PRODUCING	8,350	8,500	-1.8%	7,950	5.0%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	2,700	2,800	-3.6%	2,750	-1.8%
Special Trades	1,600	1,700	-5.9%	1,650	-3.0%
Other Construction & Mining	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,100	0.0%
MANUFACTURING	5,650	5,700	-0.9%	5,200	8.7%
Durable Goods	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,500	12.0%
Fabricated Metal & Machinery	1,500	1,500	0.0%	1,400	7.1%
Other Durable Goods	1,300	1,300	0.0%	1,100	18.2%
Nondurable Goods	2,850	2,900	-1.7%	2,700	5.6%
Food & Kindred	1,850	1,900	-2.6%	1,700	8.8%
Other Nondurables	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	0.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	69,900	70,000	-0.1%	67,100	4.2%
TRANS, COMM & UTIL	4,700	4,700	0.0%	4,500	4.4%
Trucking & Warehousing	950	950	0.0%	950	0.0%
Other Transportation	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,000	10.0%
Communications & Utilities	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,550	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,800	6,700	1.5%	6,500	4.6%
Durable	3,800	3,700	2.7%	3,700	2.7%
Nondurable	3,000	3,000	0.0%	2,800	7.1%
RETAIL TRADE	15,800	16,100	-1.9%	14,850	6.4%
General Merchandise & Apparel	3,100	3,300	-6.1%	2,900	6.9%
Food Stores	2,100	2,100	0.0%	1,850	13.5%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	2,000	2,000	0.0%	1,900	5.3%
Eating & Drinking Places	5,900	5,900	0.0%	5,600	5.4%
Other Retail	2,700	2,800	-3.6%	2,600	3.8%
FINANCE, INS & R E	4,650	4,650	0.0%	4,500	3.3%
Finance	2,000	2,000	0.0%	2,000	0.0%
Insurance Carriers	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,500	3.3%
Other Fin, Ins. & R.Estate	1,100	1,100	0.0%	1,000	10.0%
SERVICES	22,400	22,400	0.0%	21,350	4.9%
Lodging	1,350	1,350	0.0%	1,300	3.8%
Personal & Business	3,800	3,800	0.0%	3,500	8.6%
Recreation & Amusement	850	850	0.0%	800	6.3%
Health Services	8,200	8,200	0.0%	7,800	5.1%
Educational Services	2,200	2,200	0.0%	2,200	0.0%
Social Services	1,700	1,750	-2.9%	1,650	3.0%
Membership Services	1,600	1,550	3.2%	1,500	6.7%
Other Services	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,600	3.8%
GOVERNMENT	15,550	15,450	0.6%	15,400	1.0%
Federal	2,300	2,300	0.0%	2,300	0.0%
State	6,350	6,250	1.6%	6,300	0.8%
State School	5,800	5,700	1.8%	5,800	0.0%
Other State	550	550	0.0%	500	10.0%
Local	6,900	6,900	0.0%	6,800	1.5%
Local School	4,200	4,200	0.0%	4,200	0.0%
Other Local	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,600	3.8%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
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GRAND FORKS MSA					
TOTAL NONAG	31,850	31,650	0.6%	31,000	2.7%
GOODS PRODUCING	2,550	2,500	2.0%	2,450	4.1%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	850	900	-5.6%	950	-10.5%
MANUFACTURING	1,700	1,600	6.3%	1,500	13.3%
Durable Goods	700	650	7.7%	550	27.3%
Nondurable Goods	1,000	950	5.3%	950	5.3%
SERVICES PRODUCING	29,300	29,150	0.5%	28,550	2.6%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	1,700	1,700	0.0%	1,700	0.0%
Transportation	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,000	5.0%
Communications & Utilities	650	650	0.0%	700	-7.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,500	1,550	-3.2%	1,500	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	7,700	7,700	0.0%	7,350	4.8%
General Merchandise & Apparel	2,100	2,200	-4.5%	1,850	13.5%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,800	2,700	3.7%	2,700	3.7%
Other Retail	2,800	2,800	0.0%	2,800	0.0%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,050	1,050	0.0%	1,100	-4.5%
SERVICES	7,350	7,450	-1.3%	6,950	5.8%
Personal & Business	1,050	1,050	0.0%	950	10.5%
Health	2,900	3,000	-3.3%	2,800	3.6%
Other Services	3,400	3,400	0.0%	3,200	6.3%
GOVERNMENT	10,000	9,700	3.1%	9,950	0.5%
Federal	1,550	1,550	0.0%	1,500	3.3%
State	5,850	5,550	5.4%	5,850	0.0%
State School	5,400	5,100	5.9%	5,400	0.0%
Other State	450	450	0.0%	450	0.0%
Local	2,600	2,600	0.0%	2,600	0.0%
Local School	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,400	3.6%
Other Local	1,150	1,150	0.0%	1,200	-4.2%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	February 1991	January 1991	January 1991	February 1990	February 1990
BISMARCK MSA					
TOTAL NONAG	40,200	40,050	0.4%	38,550	4.3%
GOODS PRODUCING	3,800	3,800	0.0%	3,450	10.1%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,550	1,600	-3.1%	1,350	14.8%
MANUFACTURING	2,250	2,200	2.3%	2,100	7.1%
Durable Goods	900	900	0.0%	850	5.9%
Nondurable Goods	1,350	1,300	3.8%	1,250	8.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	36,400	36,250	0.4%	35,100	3.7%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	2,850	2,800	1.8%	2,800	1.8%
Transportation	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,150	4.3%
Communications & Utilities	1,650	1,600	3.1%	1,650	0.0%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,200	-4.5%
RETAIL TRADE	8,100	8,200	-1.2%	7,900	2.5%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,700	1,850	-8.1%	1,650	3.0%
Food Stores	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,050	-4.8%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,050	-4.8%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,700	2,700	0.0%	2,600	3.8%
Other Retail	1,700	1,650	3.0%	1,550	9.7%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,450	1,500	-3.3%	1,500	-3.3%
SERVICES	12,800	12,700	0.8%	12,000	6.7%
Lodging	1,000	1,000	0.0%	900	11.1%
Personal & Business	1,450	1,450	0.0%	1,400	3.6%
Health Services	5,400	5,300	1.9%	4,800	12.5%
Educational Services	850	850	0.0%	850	0.0%
Social Services	1,200	1,200	0.0%	1,150	4.3%
Membership Services	1,300	1,300	0.0%	1,300	0.0%
Other Services	1,600	1,600	0.0%	1,600	0.0%
GOVERNMENT	9,100	8,950	1.7%	8,700	4.6%
Federal	1,100	1,050	4.8%	1,100	0.0%
State	4,200	4,200	0.0%	3,950	6.3%
State Schools	300	300	0.0%	350	-14.3%
Other State	3,900	3,900	0.0%	3,600	8.3%
Local	3,800	3,700	2.7%	3,650	4.1%
Local Schools	2,100	2,100	0.0%	2,100	0.0%
Other Local	1,700	1,600	6.3%	1,550	9.7%

UNITED STATES

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	FEB 1991	JAN 1991	FEB 1990	FEB 1991	JAN 1991	FEB 1990	FEB 1991	JAN 1991	FEB 1990
MANUFACTURING	439.39	444.61	431.47	39.8	40.2	40.4	11.04	11.06	10.68
Durable Goods	466.27	471.31	458.38	40.3	40.7	41.0	11.57	11.58	11.18
Nondurable Goods	406.76	409.86	394.81	39.3	39.6	39.6	10.35	10.35	9.97

NORTH DAKOTA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	FEB 1991	JAN 1991	FEB 1990	FEB 1991	JAN 1991	FEB 1990	FEB 1991	JAN 1991	FEB 1990
MANUFACTURING	353.91	360.30	352.23	39.9	39.9	39.8	8.87	9.03	8.85
Durable Goods	369.65	373.46	373.84	40.8	40.2	41.4	9.06	9.29	9.03
Nondurable Goods	336.49	345.23	327.08	38.9	39.5	37.9	8.65	8.74	8.63
Food & Kindred	346.51	359.98	341.38	41.3	42.4	40.4	8.39	8.49	8.45

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	FEB 1991	JAN 1991	FEB 1990	FEB 1991	JAN 1991	FEB 1990	FEB 1991	JAN 1991	FEB 1990
MANUFACTURING	324.63	336.01	339.19	37.4	38.8	38.5	8.68	8.66	8.81
Durable Goods	313.81	322.63	320.77	37.9	38.5	38.6	8.28	8.38	8.31
Nondurable Goods	334.68	348.77	357.34	36.9	39.1	38.3	9.07	8.92	9.33

LABOR FORCE

NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S

	CURRENT MONTH	PREVIOUS MONTH	% CHANGE FROM	ONE YEAR AGO	% CHANGE FROM
	FEB 1991	JAN 1991	JAN 1991	FEB 1990	FEB 1990
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	126,678	126,253	0.3%	126,307	0.3%
Employment	118,520	118,538	0.0%	119,713	-1.0%
Unemployment	8,158	7,715	5.7%	6,594	23.7%
Unemployment Rate	6.4%	6.1%	xxx	5.2%	xxx
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	314,910	312,210	0.9%	319,090	-1.3%
Employment	300,300	298,160	0.7%	303,180	-0.9%
Unemployment	14,610	14,050	4.0%	15,910	-8.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.6%	4.5%	xxx	5.0%	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	88,930	88,620	0.3%	86,860	2.4%
Employment	85,320	85,260	0.1%	83,780	1.8%
Unemployment	3,610	3,360	7.4%	3,080	17.2%
Unemployment Rate	4.1%	3.8%	xxx	3.5%	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	35,300	34,690	1.8%	35,490	-0.5%
Employment	34,130	33,590	1.6%	34,170	-0.1%
Unemployment	1,170	1,100	6.4%	1,320	-11.4%
Unemployment Rate	3.3%	3.2%	xxx	3.7%	xxx
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	46,600	46,350	0.5%	46,290	0.7%
Employment	44,500	44,110	0.9%	43,910	1.3%
Unemployment	2,100	2,240	-6.3%	2,380	-11.8%
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	4.8%	xxx	5.1%	xxx

U. S. data seasonally adjusted, other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Grand Forks Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) includes Grand Forks County.
The Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton Counties.
The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay Counties.

BORDERING STATE LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

(In Thousands)
JAN 1990

	NORTH DAKOTA	MINNESOTA	SOUTH DAKOTA	MONTANA
Labor Force	312.2	2,422.0	349.9	398.1
Employment	298.2	2,291.4	335.9	368.7
Unemployment	14.0	130.6	14.0	29.4
Unemployment Rate	4.5%	5.4%	4.0%	7.4%

U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

(1982-84 = 100)

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1990	FEB 1991	JAN 1991	Percent Change From JAN 1991	FEB 1990	Percent Change From FEB 1990
All Items	130.7	134.8	134.6	0.1%	128.0	5.3%
Food & Beverage	132.1	136.0	135.9	0.1%	130.9	3.9%
Housing	128.5	132.4	131.8	0.5%	126.1	5.0%
Apparel & Upkeep	124.1	126.2	123.8	1.9%	120.4	4.8%
Transportation	120.5	123.7	125.5	-1.4%	117.1	5.6%
Medical Care	162.8	172.5	171.0	0.9%	157.5	9.5%
Entertainment	132.4	136.2	135.5	0.5%	130.4	4.4%
All Other	159.0	167.4	166.5	0.5%	154.7	8.2%

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

UNITED STATES AVERAGE

ITEM	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1990	FEB 1991	JAN 1991	Percent Change From JAN 1991	FEB 1990	Percent Change From FEB 1990
All Commodities	116.3	117.2	118.9	-1.4%	114.4	2.4%
Farm Products & Processed Foods and Feeds	118.6	117.1	117.0	0.1%	118.5	-1.2%
Industrial Commodities	115.8	117.2	119.3	-1.8%	113.6	3.2%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	FEB'91	JAN'91	FEB'90	FEB'91	JAN'91	FEB'90	FEB'91	JAN'91	FEB'90	FEB'91	JAN'91	FEB'90
Divide	1,233	1,261	1,330	1,198	1,206	1,302	35	55	28	2.8%	4.4%	2.1%
McKenzie	2,422	2,438	2,681	2,335	2,314	2,602	87	124	79	3.6%	5.1%	2.9%
Williams	10,455	10,225	10,815	10,025	9,879	10,338	430	346	477	4.1%	3.4%	4.4%
REGION 1	14,110	13,924	14,826	13,558	13,399	14,242	552	525	584	3.9%	3.8%	3.9%
Bottineau	2,960	2,985	3,161	2,754	2,813	2,920	206	172	241	7.0%	5.8%	7.6%
Burke	1,216	1,191	1,291	1,160	1,153	1,242	56	38	49	4.6%	3.2%	3.8%
McHenry	2,340	2,266	2,547	2,002	2,030	2,146	338	236	401	14.4%	10.4%	15.7%
Mountrail	3,038	3,002	3,127	2,824	2,821	2,889	214	181	238	7.0%	6.0%	7.6%
Pierce	2,200	2,190	2,435	2,131	2,106	2,321	69	84	114	3.1%	3.8%	4.7%
Renville	1,079	1,084	1,110	1,031	1,018	1,053	48	66	57	4.4%	6.1%	5.1%
Ward	25,554	25,205	25,578	24,217	23,875	24,188	1,337	1,330	1,390	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%
REGION 2	38,387	37,923	39,249	36,119	35,816	36,759	2,268	2,107	2,490	5.9%	5.6%	6.3%
Benson	2,554	2,510	2,673	2,314	2,317	2,351	240	193	322	9.4%	7.7%	12.0%
Cavalier	2,348	2,369	2,483	2,203	2,210	2,294	145	159	189	6.2%	6.7%	7.6%
Eddy	1,274	1,209	1,369	1,075	1,091	1,194	199	118	175	15.6%	9.8%	12.8%
Ramsey	6,378	6,382	6,565	6,109	6,086	6,252	269	296	313	4.2%	4.6%	4.8%
Rolette	4,284	4,102	4,274	3,714	3,690	3,652	570	412	622	13.3%	10.0%	14.6%
Towner	1,572	1,588	1,613	1,514	1,523	1,541	58	65	72	3.7%	4.1%	4.5%
REGION 3	18,410	18,160	18,977	16,929	16,917	17,284	1,481	1,243	1,693	8.0%	6.8%	8.9%
Grand Forks	35,300	34,692	35,483	34,132	33,589	34,168	1,168	1,103	1,315	3.3%	3.2%	3.7%
Nelson	1,742	1,761	1,825	1,632	1,641	1,726	110	120	99	6.3%	6.8%	5.4%
Pembina	4,657	4,657	4,975	4,306	4,288	4,478	351	369	497	7.5%	7.9%	10.0%
Walsh	7,005	6,979	7,583	6,667	6,630	7,202	338	349	381	4.8%	5.0%	5.0%
REGION 4	48,704	48,089	49,866	46,737	46,148	47,574	1,967	1,941	2,292	4.0%	4.0%	4.6%
Cass	62,310	61,384	61,359	60,483	59,934	59,663	1,827	1,450	1,696	2.9%	2.4%	2.8%
Ransom	2,479	2,452	2,569	2,405	2,388	2,476	74	64	93	3.0%	2.6%	3.6%
Richland	8,531	8,413	8,563	8,152	8,135	8,257	379	278	306	4.4%	3.3%	3.6%
Sargent	2,639	2,607	2,651	2,563	2,542	2,594	76	65	57	2.9%	2.5%	2.2%
Steele	924	953	990	896	904	941	28	49	49	3.0%	5.1%	4.9%
Traill	3,933	3,918	4,090	3,794	3,755	3,953	139	163	137	3.5%	4.2%	3.3%
REGION 5	80,816	79,727	80,222	78,293	77,658	77,884	2,523	2,069	2,338	3.1%	2.6%	2.9%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE		
	FEB'91	JAN'91	FEB'90	FEB'91	JAN'91	FEB'90	FEB'91	JAN'91	FEB'90	FEB'91	JAN'91	FEB'90
Barnes	5,500	5,486	5,452	5,250	5,199	5,207	250	287	245	4.5%	5.2%	4.5%
Dickey	2,812	2,859	2,898	2,701	2,732	2,803	111	127	95	3.9%	4.4%	3.3%
Foster	2,032	2,023	2,159	1,927	1,905	2,025	105	118	134	5.2%	5.8%	6.2%
Griggs	1,327	1,327	1,435	1,270	1,277	1,364	57	50	71	4.3%	3.8%	4.9%
La Moure	2,092	2,104	2,232	2,000	2,017	2,112	92	87	120	4.4%	4.1%	5.4%
Logan	1,252	1,250	1,358	1,201	1,208	1,313	51	42	45	4.1%	3.4%	3.3%
McIntosh	2,060	2,051	2,168	2,025	2,028	2,121	35	23	47	1.7%	1.1%	2.2%
Stutsman	10,861	10,958	11,372	10,389	10,381	10,814	472	577	558	4.3%	5.3%	4.9%
Wells	2,639	2,611	2,737	2,382	2,357	2,486	257	254	251	9.7%	9.7%	9.2%
REGION 6	30,575	30,669	31,811	29,145	29,104	30,245	1,430	1,565	1,566	4.7%	5.1%	4.9%
Burleigh	34,003	33,834	33,791	32,652	32,370	32,219	1,351	1,464	1,572	4.0%	4.3%	4.7%
Emmons	1,957	1,943	2,073	1,842	1,829	1,922	115	114	151	5.9%	5.9%	7.3%
Grant	1,532	1,562	1,548	1,465	1,486	1,481	67	76	67	4.4%	4.9%	4.3%
Kidder	1,382	1,392	1,463	1,245	1,257	1,288	137	135	175	9.9%	9.7%	12.0%
McLean	4,122	4,152	4,257	3,841	3,835	3,915	281	317	342	6.8%	7.6%	8.0%
Mercer	5,243	5,279	5,462	4,898	4,889	5,006	345	390	456	6.6%	7.4%	8.3%
Morton	12,594	12,513	12,493	11,844	11,741	11,687	750	772	806	6.0%	6.2%	6.5%
Oliver	1,031	1,065	1,065	981	992	991	50	73	74	4.8%	6.9%	6.9%
Sheridan	1,013	1,026	1,062	924	926	975	89	100	87	8.8%	9.7%	8.2%
Sioux	1,099	1,063	1,006	989	970	873	110	93	133	10.0%	8.7%	13.2%
REGION 7	63,976	63,829	64,220	60,681	60,295	60,357	3,295	3,534	3,863	5.2%	5.5%	6.0%
Adams	1,641	1,663	1,564	1,605	1,614	1,513	36	49	51	2.2%	2.9%	3.3%
Billings	649	619	662	613	594	624	36	25	38	5.5%	4.0%	5.7%
Bowman	1,941	1,909	1,952	1,865	1,849	1,892	76	60	60	3.9%	3.1%	3.1%
Dunn	1,481	1,454	1,548	1,380	1,365	1,401	101	89	147	6.8%	6.1%	9.5%
Gldn Valley	941	975	974	893	905	948	48	70	26	5.1%	7.2%	2.7%
Hettinger	1,565	1,601	1,699	1,456	1,470	1,591	109	131	108	7.0%	8.2%	6.4%
Slope	390	383	402	356	365	380	34	18	22	8.7%	4.7%	5.5%
Stark	11,330	11,280	11,114	10,673	10,656	10,483	657	624	631	5.8%	5.5%	5.7%
REGION 8	19,938	19,884	19,915	18,841	18,818	18,832	1,097	1,066	1,083	5.5%	5.4%	5.4%
STATE TOTALS	314,915	312,205	319,089	300,302	298,156	303,180	14,613	14,049	15,909	4.6%	4.5%	5.0%

NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1990	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	% CHANGE FROM 1989-1990
TOTAL NONAG	265,650	260,550	2.0%
GOODS PRODUCING	31,650	30,350	4.3%
MINING	4,300	4,050	6.2%
Coal	1,050	1,100	-4.5%
Crude Petroleum & Nat. Gas	2,900	2,600	11.5%
Other Mining	350	350	0.0%
CONSTRUCTION	10,000	9,800	2.0%
Building Construction	2,500	2,600	-3.8%
Street, Highway & Heavy	2,500	2,300	8.7%
Special Trade Construction	5,000	4,900	2.0%
MANUFACTURING	17,350	16,500	5.2%
Durable Goods	8,950	8,100	10.5%
Primary & Fab. Metals	1,150	1,050	9.5%
Machinery & Trans. Equip	5,500	4,950	11.1%
Machinery & Electric	3,900	3,600	8.3%
Transportation Equipment	1,600	1,350	18.5%
Other Durables	2,300	2,100	9.5%
Lumber & Wood	1,150	1,000	15.0%
Misc Durable	1,150	1,100	4.5%
Nondurable Goods	8,400	8,400	0.0%
Food & Kindred Products	4,400	4,300	2.3%
Dairy Products	650	700	-7.1%
Grain Mill & Bakery Products	1,050	800	31.3%
Sugar & Confectionary	850	850	0.0%
Other Foods	1,850	1,950	-5.1%
Paper Products & Printing & Publishing	2,500	2,500	0.0%
Other Nondurable Goods	1,500	1,600	-6.3%
SERVICES PRODUCING	234,000	230,200	1.7%
TRAN, COMM & UTILITIES	17,100	17,000	0.6%
Transportation	8,900	8,800	1.1%
Trucking & Warehousing	5,000	5,000	0.0%
Other Transportation	3,900	3,800	2.6%
Railroads	1,900	1,850	2.7%
Local & Suburban Transportation	850	900	-5.6%
Water, Air & Pipeline	1,150	1,050	9.5%
Communications	3,400	3,500	-2.9%
Utilities	4,800	4,700	2.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	19,400	19,500	-0.5%
Durable Goods	8,900	9,000	-1.1%
Nondurable Goods	10,500	10,500	0.0%

NORTH DAKOTA
NONAG WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

(Rounded to Fifty)

INDUSTRIES	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1990	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	% CHANGE FROM 1989-1990
RETAIL TRADE	50,850	49,950	1.8%
Hardware & Garden	2,300	2,400	-4.2%
General Merchandise	6,600	6,500	1.5%
Food Stores	7,200	7,100	1.4%
Auto & Service Stations	6,900	6,700	3.0%
Apparel & Accessory	2,600	2,700	-3.7%
Furniture Stores	1,650	1,650	0.0%
Eating & Drinking Places	18,100	17,700	2.3%
Misc Retail	5,500	5,200	5.8%
FINANCE, INS & REAL ESTATE	12,300	12,200	0.8%
Finance	6,550	6,550	0.0%
Banking	5,600	5,600	0.0%
Other Finance	950	950	0.0%
Insurance	3,900	3,850	1.3%
Insurance Underwriters	2,500	2,500	0.0%
Ins. Agents & Brokers	1,400	1,350	3.7%
Real Estate	1,850	1,800	2.8%
SERVICES	68,950	65,950	4.5%
Lodging	4,500	4,300	4.7%
Personal & Business	8,300	7,900	5.1%
Personal Services	3,200	3,200	0.0%
Business Services	5,100	4,700	8.5%
Recreational Services	2,500	2,500	0.0%
Health Services	28,600	27,400	4.4%
Nursing & Hospital	20,800	20,000	4.0%
Other Health	7,800	7,400	5.4%
Membership Organizations	8,200	8,200	0.0%
Educational Services	2,900	2,800	3.6%
Social Services	6,500	5,700	14.0%
Other Services	7,450	7,150	4.2%
Auto & Misc Repair	2,300	2,200	4.5%
Legal Services	1,450	1,450	0.0%
Misc Services	3,700	3,500	5.7%
GOVERNMENT	65,400	65,600	-0.3%
Federal	10,500	10,400	1.0%
State & Local	54,900	55,200	-0.5%
State Government	19,600	19,700	-0.5%
Educational Services	12,500	12,500	0.0%
Other State Government	7,100	7,200	-1.4%
Local Government	35,300	35,500	-0.6%
Educational Services	17,100	17,200	-0.6%
Other Local Government	18,200	18,300	-0.5%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1990	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	% CHANGE FROM 1989-1990
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA			
TOTAL NONAG	77,850	74,850	4.0%
GOODS PRODUCING	9,450	8,900	6.2%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	3,700	3,600	2.8%
Special Trades	2,000	1,950	2.6%
Other Construction & Mining	1,700	1,650	3.0%
MANUFACTURING	5,750	5,300	8.5%
Durable Goods	2,850	2,550	11.8%
Fabricated Metal & Machinery	1,500	1,350	11.1%
Other Durable Goods	1,350	1,200	12.5%
Nondurable Goods	2,900	2,750	5.5%
Food & Kindred	1,850	1,750	5.7%
Other Nondurables	1,050	1,000	5.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	68,400	65,950	3.7%
TRANS, COMM & UTIL	4,700	4,650	1.1%
Trucking & Warehousing	2,200	2,000	10.0%
Other Transportation	950	950	0.0%
Communications & Utilities	1,550	1,700	-8.8%
WHOLESALE TRADE	6,800	6,700	1.5%
Durable	3,800	3,800	0.0%
Nondurable	3,000	2,900	3.4%
RETAIL TRADE	15,650	15,000	4.3%
General Merchandise & Apparel	3,000	2,900	3.4%
Food Stores	2,000	1,950	2.6%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,950	1,750	11.4%
Eating & Drinking Places	5,900	5,600	5.4%
Other Retail	2,800	2,800	0.0%
FINANCE, INS & R E	4,600	4,450	3.4%
Finance	2,000	2,000	0.0%
Insurance Carriers	1,500	1,450	3.4%
Other Fin, Ins. & R.Estate	1,100	1,000	10.0%
SERVICES	21,800	20,800	4.8%
Lodging	1,350	1,250	8.0%
Personal & Business	3,700	3,500	5.7%
Recreation & Amusement	900	900	0.0%
Health Services	8,000	7,700	3.9%
Educational Services	1,900	1,900	0.0%
Social Services	1,700	1,600	6.3%
Membership Services	1,550	1,450	6.9%
Other Services	2,700	2,500	8.0%
GOVERNMENT	14,850	14,350	3.5%
Federal	2,300	2,200	4.5%
State	5,950	5,850	1.7%
State School	5,400	5,300	1.9%
Other State	550	550	0.0%
Local	6,600	6,300	4.8%
Local School	3,900	3,700	5.4%
Other Local	2,700	2,600	3.8%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1990	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	% CHANGE FROM 1989-1990
GRAND FORKS MSA			
TOTAL NONAG	31,450	31,000	1.5%
GOODS PRODUCING	2,750	2,950	-6.8%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,250	1,350	-7.4%
MANUFACTURING	1,500	1,600	-6.3%
Durable Goods	550	550	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	950	1,050	-9.5%
SERVICES PRODUCING	28,700	28,050	2.3%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	1,700	1,650	3.0%
Transportation	1,000	1,000	0.0%
Communications & Utilities	700	650	7.7%
WHOLESALE TRADE	1,550	1,550	0.0%
RETAIL TRADE	7,600	7,350	3.4%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,900	1,850	2.7%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,800	2,700	3.7%
Other Retail	2,900	2,800	3.6%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,100	1,150	-4.3%
SERVICES	7,200	7,000	2.9%
Personal & Business	1,000	900	11.1%
Health	2,800	2,800	0.0%
Other Services	3,400	3,300	3.0%
GOVERNMENT	9,550	9,350	2.1%
Federal	1,550	1,500	3.3%
State	5,450	5,400	0.9%
State School	5,000	4,900	2.0%
Other State	450	500	-10.0%
Local	2,550	2,450	4.1%
Local School	1,350	1,300	3.8%
Other Local	1,200	1,150	4.3%

NONAGRICULTURAL
WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRIES	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1990	ANNUAL AVERAGE 1989	% CHANGE FROM 1989-1990
BISMARCK MSA			
TOTAL NONAG	40,100	38,800	3.4%
GOODS PRODUCING	4,200	3,850	9.1%
MINING & CONSTRUCTION	1,950	1,700	14.7%
MANUFACTURING	2,250	2,150	4.7%
Durable Goods	950	900	5.6%
Nondurable Goods	1,300	1,250	4.0%
SERVICES PRODUCING	35,900	34,950	2.7%
TRANS, COMM. & UTIL.	2,850	2,750	3.6%
Transportation	1,200	1,150	4.3%
Communications & Utilities	1,650	1,600	3.1%
WHOLESALE TRADE	2,200	2,300	-4.3%
RETAIL TRADE	8,200	7,950	3.1%
General Merchandise & Apparel	1,700	1,700	0.0%
Food Stores	1,050	1,000	5.0%
Auto Dealers & Svc. Stations	1,100	1,100	0.0%
Eating & Drinking Places	2,700	2,600	3.8%
Other Retail	1,650	1,550	6.5%
FINANCE, INS. & R E	1,500	1,550	-3.2%
SERVICES	12,350	11,600	6.5%
Lodging	950	900	5.6%
Personal & Business	1,450	1,350	7.4%
Health Services	5,100	4,700	8.5%
Educational Services	700	700	0.0%
Social Services	1,150	1,050	9.5%
Membership Services	1,300	1,250	4.0%
Other Services	1,700	1,650	3.0%
GOVERNMENT	8,800	8,800	0.0%
Federal	1,150	1,150	0.0%
State	4,000	4,000	0.0%
State Schools	300	300	0.0%
Other State	3,700	3,700	0.0%
Local	3,650	3,650	0.0%
Local Schools	2,000	2,000	0.0%
Other Local	1,650	1,650	0.0%

LABOR FORCE
NORTH DAKOTA AND MSA'S
ANNUAL AVERAGES

	AVERAGE 1990	AVERAGE 1989	% CHANGE 1989-1990
NORTH DAKOTA			
Labor Force	325,000	331,000	-1.8%
Employment	312,000	317,000	-1.6%
Unemployment	13,000	14,000	-7.1%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.3%	xxx
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA			
Labor Force	88,530	87,410	1.3%
Employment	86,100	85,010	1.3%
Unemployment	2,430	2,400	1.3%
Unemployment Rate	2.7%	2.8%	xxx
GRAND FORKS MSA			
Labor Force	35,800	36,180	-1.1%
Employment	34,500	34,830	-0.9%
Unemployment	1,300	1,350	-3.7%
Unemployment Rate	3.6%	3.7%	xxx
BISMARCK MSA			
Labor Force	47,180	47,100	0.2%
Employment	45,350	45,130	0.5%
Unemployment	1,830	1,970	-7.1%
Unemployment Rate	3.9%	4.2%	xxx

NORTH DAKOTA
MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS
ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Annual Average Weekly Earnings			Annual Average Weekly Hours			Annual Average Hourly Earnings		
INDUSTRY	1990	1989	% change	1990	1989	% change	1990	1989	% change
MANUFACTURING	352.54	350.24	0.7%	39.7	39.8	-0.3%	8.88	8.80	0.9%
Durable Goods	375.33	378.00	-0.7%	41.2	42.0	-1.9%	9.11	9.00	1.2%
Nondurable Goods	326.42	321.00	1.7%	38.0	37.5	1.3%	8.59	8.56	0.4%
Food & Kindred	333.20	333.20	0.0%	40.0	40.0	0.0%	8.33	8.33	0.0%

FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA
MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS
ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
INDUSTRY	1990	1989	% change	1990	1989	% change	1990	1989	% change
MANUFACTURING	338.52	352.93	-4.1%	38.6	39.7	-2.8%	8.77	8.89	-1.3%
Durable Goods	336.08	348.65	-3.6%	39.4	40.4	-2.5%	8.53	8.63	-1.2%
Nondurable Goods	342.62	357.24	-4.1%	37.9	39.0	-2.8%	9.04	9.16	-1.3%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION
ANNUAL AVERAGES

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE	
	1990	1989	% CHANGE	1990	1989	% CHANGE	1990	1989	% CHANGE	1990	1989
Divide	1,332	1,438	-7.4%	1,306	1,401	-6.8%	26	37	-29.7%	2.0%	2.6%
McKenzie	2,668	2,908	-8.3%	2,586	2,796	-7.5%	82	112	-26.8%	3.1%	3.9%
Williams	10,975	11,432	-4.0%	10,560	10,931	-3.4%	415	501	-17.2%	3.8%	4.4%
REGION 1	14,975	15,778	-5.1%	14,452	15,128	-4.5%	523	650	-19.5%	3.5%	4.1%
Bottineau	3,215	3,486	-7.8%	3,058	3,316	-7.8%	157	170	-7.6%	4.9%	4.9%
Burke	1,279	1,333	-4.1%	1,224	1,274	-3.9%	55	59	-6.8%	4.3%	4.4%
McHenry	2,516	2,612	-3.7%	2,242	2,335	-4.0%	274	277	-1.1%	10.9%	10.6%
Mountrail	3,212	3,258	-1.4%	3,015	3,032	-0.6%	197	226	-12.8%	6.1%	6.9%
Pierce	2,411	2,581	-6.6%	2,336	2,507	-6.8%	75	74	1.4%	3.1%	2.9%
Renville	1,146	1,199	-4.4%	1,106	1,146	-3.5%	40	53	-24.5%	3.5%	4.4%
Ward	25,768	26,037	-1.0%	24,648	24,807	-0.6%	1,120	1,230	-8.9%	4.3%	4.7%
REGION 2	39,547	40,506	-2.4%	37,629	38,417	-2.1%	1,918	2,089	-8.2%	4.8%	5.2%
Benson	2,847	3,364	-15.4%	2,565	3,094	-17.1%	282	270	4.4%	9.9%	8.0%
Cavalier	2,516	2,643	-4.8%	2,384	2,492	-4.3%	132	151	-12.6%	5.2%	5.7%
Eddy	1,366	1,440	-5.1%	1,255	1,342	-6.5%	111	98	13.3%	8.1%	6.8%
Ramsey	6,594	6,551	0.7%	6,366	6,307	0.9%	228	244	-6.6%	3.5%	3.7%
Rolette	4,428	4,275	3.6%	3,764	3,604	4.4%	664	671	-1.0%	15.0%	15.7%
Towner	1,723	1,741	-1.0%	1,670	1,692	-1.3%	53	49	8.2%	3.1%	2.8%
REGION 3	19,474	20,014	-2.7%	18,004	18,531	-2.8%	1,470	1,483	-0.9%	7.5%	7.4%
Grand Forks	35,804	36,178	-1.0%	34,500	34,830	-0.9%	1,304	1,348	-3.3%	3.6%	3.7%
Nelson	1,831	1,921	-4.7%	1,755	1,833	-4.3%	76	88	-13.6%	4.2%	4.6%
Pembina	5,192	5,350	-3.0%	4,768	4,902	-2.7%	424	448	-5.4%	8.2%	8.4%
Walsh	7,672	8,331	-7.9%	7,329	7,974	-8.1%	343	357	-3.9%	4.5%	4.3%
REGION 4	50,499	51,780	-2.5%	48,352	49,539	-2.4%	2,147	2,241	-4.2%	4.3%	4.3%
Cass	62,459	62,074	0.6%	61,079	60,675	0.7%	1,380	1,399	-1.4%	2.2%	2.3%
Ransom	2,634	2,726	-3.4%	2,566	2,654	-3.3%	68	72	-5.6%	2.6%	2.6%
Richland	8,584	8,785	-2.3%	8,280	8,453	-2.0%	304	332	-8.4%	3.5%	3.8%
Sargent	2,727	2,678	1.8%	2,683	2,613	2.7%	44	65	-32.3%	1.6%	2.4%
Steele	1,047	1,140	-8.2%	1,012	1,084	-6.6%	35	56	-37.5%	3.3%	4.9%
Traill	4,201	4,372	-3.9%	4,041	4,210	-4.0%	160	162	-1.2%	3.8%	3.7%
REGION 5	81,652	81,775	-0.2%	79,661	79,689	0.0%	1,991	2,086	-4.6%	2.4%	2.6%

LABOR FORCE - BY COUNTY - BY REGION
ANNUAL AVERAGES

	LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			RATE	
	1990	1989	% CHANGE	1990	1989	% CHANGE	1990	1989	% CHANGE	1990	1989
Barnes	5,664	5,718	-0.9%	5,476	5,500	-0.4%	188	218	-13.8%	3.3%	3.8%
Dickey	2,994	3,108	-3.7%	2,919	3,028	-3.6%	75	80	-6.3%	2.5%	2.6%
Foster	2,140	2,143	-0.1%	2,049	2,060	-0.5%	91	83	9.6%	4.3%	3.9%
Griggs	1,481	1,547	-4.3%	1,429	1,487	-3.9%	52	60	-13.3%	3.5%	3.9%
La Moure	2,252	2,360	-4.6%	2,178	2,277	-4.3%	74	83	-10.8%	3.3%	3.5%
Logan	1,405	1,495	-6.0%	1,362	1,455	-6.4%	43	40	7.5%	3.1%	2.7%
McIntosh	2,186	2,225	-1.8%	2,147	2,183	-1.6%	39	42	-7.1%	1.8%	1.9%
Stutsman	11,455	11,997	-4.5%	11,033	11,566	-4.6%	422	431	-2.1%	3.7%	3.6%
Wells	2,736	2,854	-4.1%	2,557	2,673	-4.3%	179	181	-1.1%	6.5%	6.3%
REGION 6	32,313	33,447	-3.4%	31,150	32,229	-3.3%	1,163	1,218	-4.5%	3.6%	3.6%
Burleigh	34,518	34,427	0.3%	33,276	33,115	0.5%	1,242	1,312	-5.3%	3.6%	3.8%
Emmons	2,115	2,188	-3.3%	2,021	2,086	-3.1%	94	102	-7.8%	4.4%	4.7%
Grant	1,598	1,783	-4.8%	1,638	1,696	-3.4%	60	87	-31.0%	3.5%	4.9%
Kidder	1,493	1,527	-2.2%	1,367	1,409	-3.0%	126	118	6.8%	8.4%	7.7%
McLean	4,342	4,518	-3.9%	4,098	4,256	-3.7%	244	262	-6.9%	5.6%	5.8%
Mercer	5,579	5,807	-3.9%	5,256	5,457	-3.7%	323	350	-7.7%	5.8%	6.0%
Morton	12,661	12,667	0.0%	12,070	12,012	0.5%	591	655	-9.8%	4.7%	5.2%
Oliver	1,084	1,119	-3.1%	1,035	1,056	-2.0%	49	63	-22.2%	4.5%	5.6%
Sheridan	1,115	1,167	-4.5%	1,054	1,100	-4.2%	61	67	-9.0%	5.5%	5.7%
Sioux	1,121	1,082	3.6%	925	862	7.3%	196	220	-10.9%	17.5%	20.3%
REGION 7	65,726	66,285	-0.8%	62,740	63,049	-0.5%	2,986	3,236	-7.7%	4.5%	4.9%
Adams	1,679	1,625	3.3%	1,643	1,586	3.6%	36	39	-7.7%	2.1%	2.4%
Billings	877	909	-3.5%	850	877	-3.1%	27	32	-15.6%	3.1%	3.5%
Bowman	2,061	2,156	-4.4%	2,021	2,092	-3.4%	40	64	-37.5%	1.9%	3.0%
Dunn	1,621	1,604	1.1%	1,529	1,454	5.2%	92	150	-38.7%	5.7%	9.4%
Gldn Valley	1,012	1,054	-4.0%	990	1,025	-3.4%	22	29	-24.1%	2.2%	2.8%
Hettinger	1,725	1,827	-5.6%	1,649	1,754	-6.0%	76	73	4.1%	4.4%	4.0%
Slope	435	472	-7.8%	406	439	-7.5%	29	33	-12.1%	6.7%	7.0%
Stark	11,403	11,775	-3.2%	10,923	11,194	-2.4%	480	581	-17.4%	4.2%	4.9%
REGION 8	20,813	21,422	-2.8%	20,011	20,421	-2.0%	802	1,001	-19.9%	3.9%	4.7%
STATE TOTAL	325,000	331,000	-1.8%	312,000	317,000	-1.6%	13,000	14,004	-7.2%	3.9%	4.2%

DEFINITIONS

EMPLOYED: A count of individuals 16 years of age or older who worked for pay any time during the week which included the 12th of the month or who worked unpaid for 15 hours or more in a family-operated enterprise. Members of the Armed Forces stationed in the United States are included in the U.S. totals, but are excluded from the North Dakota and MSA counts.

UNEMPLOYED: Includes all individuals who did not work during the survey week, but were available for work except for temporary illness, and had looked for jobs within the preceding four weeks.

LABOR FORCE: The sum of the employed and the unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The number of unemployed as a percent of the total labor force.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: A monthly statistical measure of the average change in prices in a fixed market basket of goods and services. Though the CPI is often call the "Cost of Living Index," it measures only price change, which is just one of several important factors affecting living costs. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX: This index measures the average changes in prices received in primary markets of the United States by producers of commodities in all states of processing. The index is produced by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT: An estimate of all full- and part-time wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay from the pay period which included the 12th of the month. Estimates measure the number of jobs by industry and reflect employment by place of work.

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216 Second Street
Phone: 224-2880

BEULAH
119 East Main
Phone: 873-5607

DEVILS LAKE
301 South College Drive
Phone: 662- 2181

DICKINSON
56 Osborn Drive
Phone: 227-2361

FARGO
1350 32nd Street South
Phone: 237-7113

NDSU-FARGO
Job Information and
Placement Center
211 Ceres Hall
Phone: 237-7111

FORT TOTTEN
Tribal Building
Phone: 766-4221, Ext. 45

FORT YATES
Job Service Building
Phone: 854-7463

GRAFTON
927 12th St. West
Phone: 352-2202

GRAND FORKS
2016 South Washington
Phone: 777-3711

UND-GRAND FORKS
McCannel Hall- Room 141
Phone: 777-3904

HARVEY
119 9th St. West
Phone: 324-4552

HETTINGER
506 2nd Avenue North
Phone: 567-2156

JAMESTOWN
429 2nd Street Southwest
Phone: 251-2256

MANDAN
501 1st Street Northwest
Phone: 663-6461

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